

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A facsimile apparatus system, comprising:
a facsimile apparatus, comprising:
5 reading means for reading an original image;
storage means for storing images;
output means for outputting images;
communication control means for controlling
transmission and reception of data from another
10 communication apparatus; and
a bus connected to said reading means, said
reading means, said storage means, said output means and
said communication control means;
a small computer system interface (SCSI) connected to
15 said bus; and
a host computer connected through said interface to
said bus for controlling said reading means, said storage
means, said output means and said communication control
means.
20 2. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 1,
wherein said host computer comprises means for receiving
information about functions of said reading means, means for
instructing said reading means to read the original image in
a reading operation, means for receiving a result of the
25 reading operation, and means for causing the reading

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operation to be discontinued.

3. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 1,
wherein said host computer comprises means for receiving
information about functions of said output means, means for
5 instructing said output means to output an image stored in
said storage means in an output operation, means for
receiving a result of the output operation, and means for
causing the output operation to be discontinued.
4. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 1,
10 wherein said host computer comprises means for transferring
images produced by said host computer to said facsimile
apparatus, and said storage means stores the transferred
images.
5. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 4,
15 wherein said facsimile apparatus further comprises means for
deleting images stored in said storage means under
instructions from said host computer.
6. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 4,
wherein said facsimile apparatus further comprises means for
20 transferring information about images stored in said storage
means under instructions from said host computer.
7. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 1,
wherein said communication control means connects to the
other communication apparatus under instructions from said
25 host computer and includes means for transferring

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8. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 7,
wherein said communication control means further

9. A facsimile apparatus system, comprising:

communication control means for transmitting, to a

a host computer which controls said storage means and said communication control means by causing the sending or receiving of commands between said storage means and said

notification means for notifying said host computer of information about the receiving communicating apparatus,

wherein said communication control means sets a call
with the receiving communication apparatus under

25 10. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 9,

wherein said host computer includes means for instructing said communication control means to transmit documents after said host computer receives the information about the receiving communication apparatus.

5 11. A facsimile apparatus system according to Claim 10, wherein said host computer includes means for instructing said communication control means to discontinue the transmission of a document.

12 A facsimile apparatus system, comprising:

10 a facsimile apparatus comprising:

reading means for reading an original image;

storage means for storing images from the reading means; and

output means for outputting images stored in said
15 storage means;

a host computer for controlling said reading means, said storage means and said output means; and

notification means for notifying said host computer of information about images stored in said storage means,

20 wherein said notification means notifies said host computer of information about the images in a data format selected by said host computer from among a plurality of data formats.

13. A facsimile apparatus, comprising:

25 reading means for reading an original image;

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storage means for storing images;
output means for outputting images;
communication control means for controlling
transmission and reception of data from another
5 communication apparatus;-

a bus connected to said reading means, said storage
means, said output means and said communication control
means; and

10 a small computer system interface (SCSI) connected to
said bus, wherein a host computer may be connected through
said interface to said bus in order to control said reading
means, said storage means, said output means and said
communication control means. *a*

14. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein
15 said interface transmits to the host computer information
about functions of said reading means, receives an
instruction from the host computer for instructing said
reading means to read the original image in a reading
operation, transmits to the host computer a result of the
20 reading operation, and receives from the host computer an
instruction for causing the reading operation to be
discontinued.

15. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein
said interface transmits to the host computer information
25 about functions of said output means, receives an

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instruction from the host computer for instructing said output means to output an image stored in said storage means in an output operation, transmits to the host computer a result of the output operation, and receives from the host computer an instruction for causing the output operation to be discontinued.

16. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said interface receives images produced by the host computer, and said storage means stores the received images.

10 17. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 16, said facsimile apparatus further comprising means for deleting images stored in said storage means under instructions from the host computer.

15 18. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 16, said facsimile apparatus further comprising means for transferring information about images stored in said storage means under instructions from the host computer.

19. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said communication control means connects to the other communication apparatus under instructions from the host computer and includes means for transferring information about the other communication apparatus to the host computer.

20. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said communication control means further transmits/receives

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images under instructions from the host computer.

21. A facsimile apparatus, comprising:

storage means for storing documents;

communication control means for transmitting, to a
5 receiving communication apparatus, documents stored in said
storage means, wherein said storage means and said
communication control means are controlled by a host
computer by sending or receiving commands between said
storage means and said communication control means; and

10 notification means for notifying the host computer of
information about the receiving communicating apparatus,

wherein said communication control means sets a call
with the receiving communication apparatus under
instructions from the host computer and receives information
15 about the receiving communication apparatus, and said
notification means notifies the host computer of information
about the receiving communication apparatus received by said
communication control means. a

22. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein
20 said communication control apparatus is instructed by the
host computer to transmit documents after the host computer
receives information about the receiving communication
apparatus.

23. A facsimile apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein
25 said communication control apparatus is instructed by the

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host computer to discontinue the transmission of a document.

24. A facsimile apparatus, comprising:

reading means for reading an original image;

storing means for storing images from the reading

5 means;

output means for outputting images stored in said
storage means, wherein said reading means, said storage
means and said output means are controlled by a host
computer; and

10 notification means ^a for notifying the host computer of
information about images stored in said storage means,

wherein said notification means notifies the host
computer of information about the images in a data format
selected by the host computer from among a plurality of data
15 formats.

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